

part of it which guarantees that it will sustain itself financially, and not only is there significant state money to start with, and I told Senator Chambers earlier in the session that I would have liked to have seen even more money than the 1 million that he has asked for because I think this is such a significant project, but I think a million dollars is a significant amount. It shows, and it will allow and shows to the business community that this is a real effort on the part of the state or the citizens of Nebraska to do something in the area of economic development in this part of Omaha. The 40 percent tax credit guarantees, I think, guarantees private industry participation or private business participation with the financial participation of private business comes their expertise as well. Once a business puts a...makes a commitment to give this kind of financial, make this kind of financial effort, once they make that decision they oftentimes bring with that decision the expertise that it takes to develop businesses, new businesses in an area. So I think that this bill seems to address all of those concerns in a very real way. I wholeheartedly support it. I think it will be a success, I really do believe it will be a success. It is needed, clearly needed. It has a good purpose, but as Senator Chambers mentioned, oftentimes we have great purposes for things and sometimes those purposes fall on unfertile ground for whatever reason and I think now we have made it absolutely guaranteed at least that we have the money to get started and I'm sure we will bring into the project businesses that are...that will add a lot to the economic development of this area. I'm just excited about it for Omaha and for the state. I wholeheartedly support it and urge its advancement. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, you are next, but may I call on Speaker Barrett for a special announcement, if the Speaker may please have your attention. (Gavel.) Ladies and gentlemen, please can I have your attention for a moment while Speaker Barrett gives you an important announcement.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members. For those of you who have been asking, it is my purpose to work through the lunch hour today and then direct our attention to approximately three o'clock this afternoon. I would hope that we could work through the noon hour and then adjourn for the weekend at approximately three o'clock. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please.